


## **EXHIBIT A**

Attorney or Party without Attorney: GILBERT R. SEROTA HOWARD RICE NEMEROVSKI CANADY, ET AL. THREE EMBARCADERO CENTER 7TH FLOOR SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 Telephone No: 415-434-1600 FAX No: 415-217-5910				For Court Use Only	
Attorney for: Plaintiff			Ref. No. or File No.: 12792.0024		
Insert name of Court, and Judicial District and Branch Court: United States District Court Northern District Of California					
Plaintiff: THOMAS WELSEL PARTNERS, LLC, et al. Defendant: BNP PARIBAS, et al.					
<b>PROOF OF SERVICE SUMMONS &amp; COMPLAINT</b>		Hearing Date:	Time:	Dept/Div:	Case Number: CV 07 6198 BZ

1. At the time of service I was at least 18 years of age and not a party to this action.
2. I served copies of the SUMMONS IN A CIVIL CASE; COMPLAINT; PLAINTIFFS THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS LLC and THOMAS WEISEL INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED'S NOTICE OF INTERESTED PARTIES; ORDER SETTING INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE AND ADR DEADLINES; NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CASE TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR TRIAL; WELCOME TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT; DROP BOX FILING PROCEDURES; ADR INFORMATION PACKAGE; ECF REGISTRATION INFORMATION HANDOUT.
3. a. Party served: BNP PARIBAS c/o FRANCES KAWAGUCHI  
 b. Person served: MARIDA ELE, AUTHORIZED TO ACCEPT
4. Address where the party was served: ONE FRONT STREET  
 23RD FLOOR  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111
5. I served the party:
  - a. by personal service. I personally delivered the documents listed in item 2 to the party or person authorized to receive service of process for the party (1) on: Thu., Dec. 06, 2007 (2) at: 3:52PM
6. The "Notice to the Person Served" (on the Summons) was completed as follows:  
 on behalf of: BNP PARIBAS  
 Under CCP 416.10 (corporation)
7. Person Who Served Papers:
  - a. JEREMIAH STEELE
  - d. The Fee for Service was: Recoverable Cost Per CCP 1033.5(a)(4)(B)
  - e. I am: Not a Registered California Process Server


**First Legal Support Services**  
 ATTORNEY SERVICES  
 1511 BEVERLY BOULEVARD  
 Los Angeles, CA 90026  
 (213) 250-1111, FAX (213) 250-1197

8. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and under the laws of the United States Of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: Mon, Dec. 10, 2007

PROOF OF SERVICE  
SUMMONS & COMPLAINT

(JEREMIAH STEELE)

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AO 440 (Rev. 8/01) Summons in a Civil Action

**RETURN OF SERVICE**

Service of the Summons and Complaint was made by me

DATE

6 DEC. 2007

Name of SERVER

Jeremiah S. B. B.

TITLE

Check one box below to indicate appropriate method of service



Served Personally upon the Defendant. Place where served:

One Front Street, 23rd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94111

Left copies thereof at the defendant's dwelling house or usual place of abode with a person of suitable age and discretion then residing therein.

Name of person with whom the summons and complaint were left: Marida Ele  
Authorized to Accept

Returned unexecuted:



Other (specify):

**STATEMENT OF SERVICE FEES**

TRAVEL

SERVICES

TOTAL

**DECLARATION OF SERVER**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing information contained in the Return of Service and Statement of Service Fees is true and correct.

Executed on

10 DEC 2007

Date

Signature of Server

Address of Server

138 HOWARD ST, SAN FRANCISCO, CA

(1) As to who may serve a summons see Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure